

TRAFFIC FACTS

HOT SHEET – DECEMBER 1, 2008

Great news, there were no traffic fatalities during the Thanksgiving travel period this year! As of December 1, 2008, there have been 114 fatalities, compared to 113 at this same time last year. More good news is that alcohol-related fatalities remain down significantly, by 11 percentage points, and speed-related fatal crashes remain down significantly, by 9 percentage points. We all have to remain focused and stay vigilant to continue this downward trend.

Thanks to our law enforcement partners for their hard work over the Thanksgiving travel period. Overtime enforcement included six sobriety checkpoints and 46 roving DUI patrols; 44 speed enforcement patrols; and 17 seat belt enforcement patrols. The results of these efforts included 60 DUI arrests, 120 seat belt citations, 160 speed citations, and nearly 450 other arrests, including underage drinking violations, drug arrests, and apprehended fugitives.*

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a significant difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits and other aggressive driving laws, and sign up to work overtime DUI patrols or sobriety checkpoints. The time you take to write a ticket could slow someone down or get them off the road when they are the most dangerous, and could ultimately save a life! Never forget, you're a role model in your community. The public is always watching, so be sure to obey the same laws you enforce. Others will follow your example.

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